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# MEDICAID MEMO

**TO:** All providers participating in the Virginia Medical Assistance Program and FAMIS Program.

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**MEMO** Special

**DATE** 7/1/2003

**SUBJECT:** Revised Effective Date for Prior Authorization of Non-Emergency, Outpatient MRI, PET and CAT scans

The purpose of this memorandum is to advise you of the new effective date for the implementation of the new prior authorization requirement of Non-Emergency, Outpatient Magnetic Resonance (MRI), Computerized Axial Tomography (CAT), and Positron Emission Tomography (PET) scans for Medicaid clients enrolled in fee-for-service or the MEDALLION Program, and FAMIS clients enrolled in the fee-for-service- or PCCM Program.

The June 1, 2003, Medicaid Memorandum, notifying you of this new requirement, advised the implementation was to be effective July 1, 2003, for Medicaid and August 1, 2003, for FAMIS. However, please note that the new effective date is August 1, 2003, for Medicaid and FAMIS. All other information set forth in the June 1, 2003, Medicaid Memorandum remains unchanged.

*Please note the revised effective date.*

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